




IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Smith, Toby E., and Cooper, Craig L. )  
Serial No.: 10/658,622 )  
Filing Date: 9/9/03 )  
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR )  
REDUCING THE RISK OF DECUBITUS )  
ULCERS )  
GAU: 2832 )  
Examiner: Unknown )

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Carol Welch

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir or Madam:

The amendment that follows is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.115, prior to issuance of a First Office Action on the merits. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the amount of \$219.00 to Deposit Account 060540 to cover the cost of the new claims added via this Amendment. It is believed that no other fee is occasioned by the filing of the instant paper. However, if it is determined that any fee, including extension of time fees, must accompany this filing, please consider this filing a request for same and our authorization to charge the deposit account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 06-0540, therefor.

<b>PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER</b> Under Small Entity Status				Attorney Docket No: 67179/03-655	
Application Serial Number: 10/658,622		Filing Date: 9/9/2003		Examiner: Unknown	Group Art Unit: 2832
Invention: Apparatus and Method For Reducing the Risk of Deep Biting Ulcers					
TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.					
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>					
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	35	MINUS	20	15	\$135
INDEP. CLAIMS	6	MINUS	4	2	\$84
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					<b>\$219.00</b>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been previously established.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$_____ is attached.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge \$219.00_____ to Deposit Account 060540. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for processing against this account.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required.</p>					
<u>9/16/2003</u> Date			 Terry L. Watt Reg. No. 42214		
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 Carol Welch					